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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION: Masanori SAITOH, et al. DATE ALLOWED: February 16, 2006

SERIAL NO.: 10/728,896

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EXAMINER: Brase, Sandra L.

FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

**LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S)**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Alexandria, VA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the below indicated communication, the following drawing sheets are submitted herewith:

- ☒ 1 Replacement Drawing Sheets ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ New Drawing Sheets
- ☐ Official Action dated April 19, 2006
- ☐ Notice of Allowance/Issue Fee dated \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Other Notice of Drawing Inconsistency dated April 19, 2006

The changes and/or modifications made include the following:

Replacement sheet includes Fig. 9A-2 and 9B-2. This sheet, which includes Fig. 9A-1 and 9B-1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 9A-1 and 9B-1.

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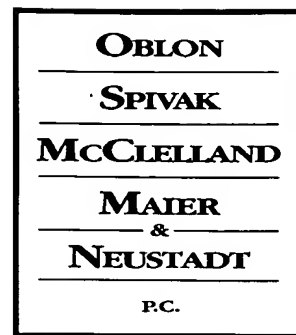
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency  
Letter Submitting Replacement Drawing Sheet(s)  
Replacement Drawing Sheet (1)**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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